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Statement due today Sultan, Brown end talks

RIYADH, Feb. 11 (SPA)—The defense ministers of Saudi Arabia and the United States ended their talks Sunday afternoon in Riyadh after a three-hour conference.

Commenting on the talks Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz said that they concentrated on bilateral relations, the development and training of the armed forces. Prince Sultan said that a press release would be issued Monday about the topics agreed on during the talks.

Prince Sultan later presented the American Secretary of Defense Harold Brown with a locally made automatic rifle.

Meantime Brown left Riyadh for the eastern region on a visit to Dhahran. Brown met with Crown Prince Fahd Saturday. The meeting was attended by Prince Sultan, Foreign Minister Saud al Faisal and American Ambassador John West.

Speaking at a luncheon banquet in his honor Brown said that the U.S. is firmly committed to the security of the Kingdom and more determined than ever before to provide it with the necessary capability to defend itself. He said that the U.S. will be very concerned in the event of any aggression against the Kingdom and this has been the U.S. attitude since the days of President Truman. He stressed the importance of the common interests and the need for coordination in security matters to maintain the security of the region.



HONORED: Prince Sultan speaking at the banquet he gave in honor of U.S. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown in Riyadh Sunday.

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Brown said his government would try to about Soviet attempts to foment conflicts through the supply of arms and violence in the area.

Brown said earlier no nation should mistake U.S. willingness to befriend Saudi Arabia in any time of war. He gave the pledge at the meeting with Crown Prince Fahd.

U.S. officials said Brown did not go into detail about future U.S. steps to support friendly Gulf states but would do so later.

Brown, the first U.S. defense secretary to visit the region, arrived in Riyadh Saturday on a tour which will also take him to Jordan, Israel and Egypt.

He told officers and cadets at the King Faisal Academy that the United States would provide Saudi Arabia with the extra strength needed to meet an attack from the outside.

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Education talks get royal cable

RIYADH, Feb. 11 (SPA)—King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd thanked the organizers of the recent conference of Arab deputy ministers of education for the progress they made. The two cables were sent to Prince Khalid bin Fahd ibn Khalid deputy minister of education for administrative and educational affairs and chairman of the Riyadh conference.

Israel prepares for talks

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (Agencies)—Prime Minister Menachem Begin convened his cabinet Sunday to review Israel's negotiating position in advance of "Camp David II," a meeting of Israeli and Egyptian ministers scheduled for late this month at President Carter's mountain retreat.

The cabinet was expected to announce its formal acceptance of Carter's invitation and to disclose the makeup of the delegation headed by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan. Egypt has said it will dispatch Prime Minister Mustafa Khatib to join Secretary of State Cyrus Vance at Camp David.

The talks are aimed at smoothing over the final wrinkles in a draft peace treaty that has been under discussion since the first Camp David talks last September. At that meeting, Begin, Carter and President Anwar Sadat signed two framework accords outlining a bilateral treaty and a separate plan for Palestinian autonomy in the occupied West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip.

Efforts now are aimed at finding a formula for linking the two agreements. Egypt said it cannot conclude a treaty without a firm Israeli commitment to begin the autonomy scheme by a specific target date. Israel said it cannot agree since cooperation by the Palestinians, though essential, cannot be guaranteed.

Egypt Saturday accused Israel of trying to go back on pledges it made at Camp David and creating major obstacles to peace.

In a letter to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, Acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali also charged Israel with oppressive measures and serious human rights violations against Palestinians in the Occupied Territories.

Bakhtiar said quitting; Army cancels support

TEHRAN, Feb. 11 (AP)—Prime Minister Shapour Bakhtiar resigned Sunday after military commanders announced they had withdrawn their support for his Shah-appointed government. Agriculture Minister Manoucher Kazimi said.

"Dr. Bakhtiar has resigned. I do not know to whom he sent his resignation, but his government no longer exists," Kazimi said Sunday night.

Radio Tehran, controlled by supporters of Bakhtiar's main opponent, Ayatollah Khomeini, said it had received reports that Bakhtiar had committed suicide, but there was no confirmation.

Mehdi Bazargan, whom Khomeini appointed as a shadow prime minister a week ago, made no immediate move to take over Bakhtiar's office, however.

Government sources, who asked not to be identified, said Bakhtiar told aides he could no longer continue without military support. The sources said an official announcement would be made on the radio later.

The 62-year-old prime minister took office 38 days ago after the Shah agreed to leave the country on an indefinite holiday.

Bakhtiar's resignation signals a complete victory for Khomeini in his struggle to remove the monarchy and establish an Islamic republic in Iran.

Word of Bakhtiar's resignation came after his office was attacked by armed insurgents. Aides said Bakhtiar was not in the building but did not disclose his whereabouts.

State radio quoted Khomeini as saying that "now that the army has agreed not to interfere in political affairs," the people should "return to calm."

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The religious leader urged his followers not to attack foreign embassies.

The armed forces statement, read shortly before 2 p.m. local time amid major riots in Iranian cities, read "The commanders of the armed forces held a meeting at 10:20 th-

ces had been the major prop of the regime of Bakhtiar, appointed by the Shah on Jan. 4 to restore calm in the country after months of bloody anti-Shah rioting.

The Shah left the country on Jan. 16 and Khomeini returned to the country on Feb. 1 from exile in Paris with the aim of transforming the nation into an "Islamic republic." Bakhtiar had vowed to stand fast against Khomeini, demanding that the constitution be changed only by constitutional means.

Shortly before the army announcement, the Paris News Agency reported that armed rioters in the capital had occupied a major city police headquarters. Army units had clashed in Tehran last morning, with 56 persons killed and 252 wounded in the morning's fighting, according to a Paris account.

The radio announced that its production headquarters in downtown Tehran had fallen into the hands of insurgents and its records had been destroyed.

The announcer's voice choked with emotion as he read reports of the fighting. Casualties had been mounting steadily as insurgents engaged troops in dozens of locations throughout the capital.

A small army of men and boys directed traffic around the areas under siege, keeping normally choked streets free for ambulances and guerrilla reinforcements.

The amount of coordination seemed to indicate the uprising had been well planned.

Associated Press correspondent Otto Doellinger, pinned down by gunfire at Tehran's Eshkezar Police Barracks, said gunfire ceased minutes after state radio broadcast the army statement.

Attackers left their positions, singing and cheering, and poured into the streets.

The announcements touched off wild demonstrations in Tehran reminiscent of scenes the day the Shah left. Motorists turned on headlights and

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SURRENDER: Iranian army tank officer stands on a car outside Prime Minister Bakhtiar's office Sunday after surrendering and tells his men to lay down their arms. He is surrounded by armed insurgents (AP wirephoto)

ing "we are not distributing arms."

It appeared the aides were concerned about further violence now that thousands of Khomeini's followers have arms.

Late in the day, Khomeini issued a statement announcing that "victory is near."

"People must resist the army if it returns to the streets," he said. "But if the army stops its aggression and joins the people and the legal Islamic government, then we will re-

morning and decided in order to prevent chaos and further bloodshed to declare its (the armed forces) neutrality and therefore the units of the army were ordered to return to their barracks."

"The armed forces with all its power support the wishes of the people."

The state radio added shortly after the announcement that insurgents had occupied the historic Bolestan Palace in Tehran, used for visiting heads of state.

The 430,000-man armed for-

Mecca body concerned

Mosque unit appeals for Iran restraint

By Farouk Lajman
JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — Mecca's World Supreme Council of Mosques, appealed to the people of Iran to exercise self-restraint in a spirit of Islamic brotherhood and understanding.

The council, an offshoot of the Muslim World League, has a membership of 26 top-ranking Islamic scholars and officials representing Muslim countries and minorities.

The council said it was following with deep concern and anxiety "events in this large Muslim country and the da-

shes in which Muslims shed each other's blood."

"This conflict can only be of benefit to the enemies of Muslims," the council said. It urged the Iranian people to settle their differences in an Islamic spirit by referring to the Holy Quran and the Traditions of the Prophet Muhammad for arbitration.

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Indonesian Islamic Council, Tun Mustapha, premier of Sabah, Hassan Khaled, mufti of Lebanon, Salem Azzam president of the Islamic Conference of Europe in London, Tufail Mohammed, secretary general of the Jamat Islam of Pakistan, Abdullah ibn Humaid, chief justice of Saudi Arabia, Dr. Maroof Dawalebi, president of the Islamic World Congress and former premier of Syria and adviser to the Royal Cabinet of Saudi Arabia, Mahmood Sabhi, secretary general of the Islamic Propagation Society of Malaysia, Dr. Kameel Al-Baqer, dean of Omdurman University in Sudan, Moosa Ibrahim of Chad.

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SR 8m Hofuf hotel opened

HOFUF, Feb. 11 (SPA)—Ahsa Governor Prince Muhammad bin Fahd bin Nawwaf Sunday opened a 52-room first-class hotel here. The SR8 million Ghazal Hotel also boasts four suites, telex facilities and a travel bureau.

Oil, gas on agenda

Mexico awaits Carter's visit

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 11 (AP)—President Carter will meet a newly confident President Jose Lopez Portillo here this week. The new confidence comes from the ocean of oil Mexico recently determined it has under its soil and its territorial waters.

The Mexican president is apparently ready to flex his country's newly felt economic muscle during talks that are expected to set the tone for Mexican-American relations through the 1980s.

Carter says the trip which begins Wednesday, is aimed at even better relations with Mexico. He says he will use the new foundation of recent agreements in trade and oil.

Arrangements to work out oil arrangements for the United States to buy Mexico's petroleum at fair prices will be carefully studied.

One of the key issues is stalled negotiation for the purchase of natural gas. The talks have been on for more than a year ago when Washington refused to approve a deal for Mexican gas at \$2.61 per thousand cubic feet. The Department of Energy said it would accept only a price of \$2.16, the same as Canadian gas.

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Local politicians, however, say Mexico's growing economic power will lead a new dimension to negotiations. They are pressing Lopez Portillo to use the country's new bargaining chips to win substantive agreements favorable to Mexico in three key areas: petroleum sales, illegal aliens and trade barriers.

Diplomats said any disagreements between Carter and Lopez Portillo on the highly sensitive issues of the Mexican case will enter the United States illegally to look for work and of obstacles to trade could undermine chances for an agreement for larger American purchases of Mexican oil and gas.

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The Bhutto debate

Martyr or murderer: Pakistan dilemma

By Robert Trumbull
New York Times
News Service

ISLAMABAD — Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, his sentence of hanging upheld last week by the Supreme Court of Pakistan, waits behind prison bars while a highly volatile political climate of conflicting emotions swirls around his case.

His admirers, said to number in the millions, fervently hope that the government of President Zia-ul-Haq, the general who ousted the Bhutto government in a bloodless coup on July 5, 1977, will heed appeals received this week from many World leaders, including U.S. President Jimmy Carter, that he spare Bhutto's life.

It is widely believed that Bhutto could be returned to office in a free election. Because of that popularity, many members of the middle and upper classes, recalling the corruption and other excesses during his five and a half

years in power, want him dead so that there will be no possibility of his heading the government again.

Among Pakistanis there seems to be scant middle ground. "People either hate



Zia-ul-Haq

Bhutto or love him," a foreign diplomat commented.

Meanwhile, there is no sign that Zia's government has been moved by the intercessions from abroad. Diplomats feel that the general and his counselors are more likely to respond to local reaction than to any from outside, however eminent the source.

Public disturbances in favor of Bhutto, which his supporters predicted, have failed to materialize since the adverse decision by the Supreme Court that edged him closer to the gallows. His adherents attribute the calm in the streets to the wholesale arrest of leaders of his political party in recent days.

The former prime minister, whose appeal at the verdict was rejected by the court in a 4-to-3 decision Tuesday, is in the sixth day of a seven-day grace period, mandatory under law, during which he or another may file an appeal for clemency with the president. The reprieve can be extended if the Supreme Court decides to consider a petition for review of its latest decision, to be filed by Bhutto's lawyers on the grounds — still undefined — of legal errors.

While Bhutto awaits his fate in a cell at the Rawalpindi district jail measuring 3 meters by two and, it is reported,

suffers from malnutrition brought on by his confinement, the country he once ran in dictatorial style is tottering on the balance sheet on his career. From one point of view the abuses perpetrated under his

have governed during much of Pakistan's three decades as a nation, though he served as a cabinet minister in the military government of Field Marshal, Muhammad Ayub Khan and imposed martial law on occasion when political disorders seemed to be getting out of hand. There are also those who are willing to go along with military government in the frequent times of political trouble but are less than enamored of the individual generals in charge.

The 51-year-old former prime minister is also controversial as a conspicuously worldly figure in a country dedicated to the tenets of Islam. Born wealthy, and dapper in dress and flamboyant in temperament, he projected a sophistication acquired as a student at the University of California at Berkeley and later at Oxford.

For others his death would be martyrdom, perhaps to be an enduring symbol — or to be forgotten in a short time.

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Fahd set to meet Giscard in Paris

RIYADH, Feb. 11 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd is to make a brief stop in Paris next month to talk with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, according to "Al-Riyadh" newspaper Sunday.

Quoting well-informed sources in Paris, the newspaper said that the crown prince will break his journey to Washington on March 11 for talks in Paris with President Giscard and other French officials.

The crown prince is scheduled to meet President Carter March 12 and 13 in Washington for talks on mutual security, oil production policy and the Middle East question.

The paper said that Prince Fahd's visit will be in response to an invitation from President Giscard following an announcement of the Washington talks. At the same time, French Prime Minister Raymond Barre is expected to postpone his proposed visit to Riyadh, tentatively scheduled for March, to the month after "Al-Riyadh" said.



FLOUR: Australian Deputy Premier J. Doug Anthony second from left, being shown samples Saturday afternoon at the grain silos and flour mills in Riyadh.

Economic relations

Nazer receives Australian minister

RIYADH, Feb. 11 (SPA) — Planning Minister and acting Minister of Industry and Electricity Sheikh Hisham Nazer held talks here Sunday

with Australian Deputy Premier and Trade and Resources Minister Doug Anthony on expanding bilateral economic relations.

Sheikh Hisham said the talks also covered Australian participation in Saudi state development projects.

He added that they also dealt with industrial and mining joint ventures, the import of foodstuffs and the export of raw materials to Australia and power projects.

Saturday afternoon, the Australian minister and his party visited the capital's grain silos and flour mills off Khari Road.

Anthony was met there by the director general of the Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization, Dr. Ahmad Al-Shinawi, who showed him the mills, warehouses for animal

feed and the grain storage facilities.

Anthony, who arrived here Friday on a five-day visit, is touring Gulf countries to promote Australian trade relations with the region.

Riyadh meeting of Aramco seen takeover prelude

RIYADH, Feb. 11 (SPA) — The board of Aramco will meet here Tuesday for the first time since it commenced oil operations in Saudi Arabia. Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani said here in an interview with "Al-Medina", published Sunday.

The Riyadh meeting will be a prelude to the government's 100 per cent takeover of the company. Sheikh Yamani told the paper that procedures for the takeover were complete and only the official announcement remained.

This will be made shortly at meeting of the Supreme Petroleum Council under Crown Prince Fahd, the minister said.

(Saudi Arabia acquired 60 per cent of the company in June 1974 and two years later a general accord was reached for complete takeover.)

Under the approved principles, the four U.S. shareholders in Aramco will receive compensation for their 40 per cent and a service fee for continuing to run production and exploration for the government, Sheikh Yamani said recently.

PLO Riyadh office says

Time unripe for exile government

RIYADH, Feb. 11 (SPA) — The Palestine Liberation Organization's spokesman here, Abdul Mohsen Abu Maizar Sunday categorically denied recent reports that a Palestinian government-in-exile was under consideration.

He said that the time was not right to proclaim it and that the prerequisites for a provisional government were "lacking at present."

He added that such a government-in-exile could not be ruled out in principle. But this

depended on the "proper climate."

Abu Maizar also said that the PLO wanted its relations with all Arab countries to be based on cooperation and understanding, "because it is not in the interest of the organization that there be a misunderstanding with any Arab country — large or small."

He added that the current tour by PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasser Arafat in a number of Arab countries was to discuss the present and future of the Palestinian

Said long-awaited Pakistan envoy defends Islamic steps

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — Pakistan's ambassador to Saudi Arabia Sunday morning defended new Islamic elements in Pakistan's penal code and attacked Western conceptions of Islamic justice.

Speaking at a celebration here of the Holy Prophet's birthday, Ambassador Maj. Gen. Fazal Muqem Khan said that the introduction of the new legal measures "fulfilled a desire long cherished by the people of Pakistan."

The measures, which became law Saturday with an announcement by Pakistan President Gen. Zia-ul-Haq at the former National Assembly chamber in Islamabad, include Islamic punishments and the introduction of Zakat, a 2.5 per cent wealth tax levied on assets of Muslims.

Khan told the audience at the Pakistan Embassy that "Islam lays emphasis on strict punishments to purge society of social evils and crimes because it upholds the quality of life."

But Western commentators, evidently puzzled by "tremendous Islamic revival now sweeping the Muslim world," paint Islam as a religion of retrogression of brutality, he said. Muslims should not be affected by the criticism, he added.

He said Pakistan was created in the name of Islam "although little effort had been made to enforce (Islamic) law before the present govern-

ment".

Gen. Zia, who has ruled by martial law since assuming power 19 months ago, "has taken concrete measures to Islamize the country's laws and economy and laid the

foundations of a true Islamic society in Pakistan", the ambassador said.

The celebration was attended by a large number of Pakistanis resident in Jeddah, the embassy said.

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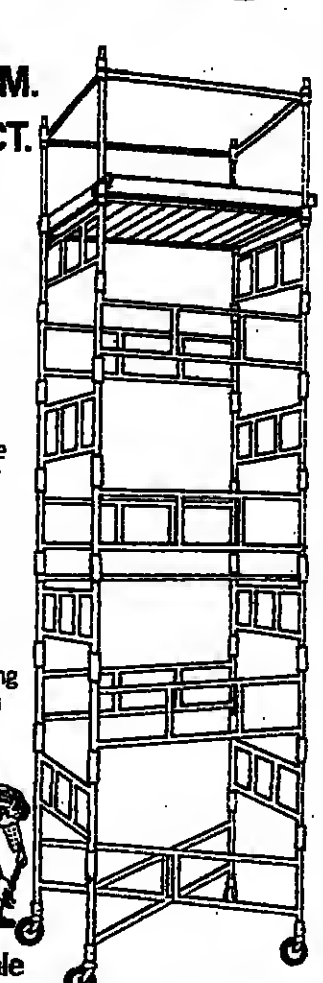
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was not born to wither away in a death cell

Bhutto's plea smuggled out of Rawalpindi jail

NEW DELHI, Feb. 11 (AP) — Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, former prime minister of Pakistan, was born to make a difference, he said in a plea smuggled out of Rawalpindi jail.

The words, 80,000 in all, were written to the Pakistan Supreme Court and smuggled out of Rawalpindi jail.

Pakistan was blocked by the military government.

The court, in a 4-3 decision, upheld Bhutto's death sentence for murder on Feb. 6. And his lengthy statement, written as a rejoinder to an official White Paper issued to expose alleged misconduct by his fallen regime, may end up being his testament.

Entitled, "If I am Assassinated," the book reveals much of the 51-year-old Bhutto's brilliance, personal philosophy, and fervent if not excessive belief in his own importance. "It's not a masterpiece but it's pure Bhutto," commented a former close colleague, who had read a mimeographed copy that had been circulating secretly in Islamabad.

"I am the only person to reverse the march toward self-annihilation," Bhutto declared. "I was born to bring emancipation to the people and honor them with a self-respecting destiny."

The book, aside from denying charges that he rigged the 1977 general election, discloses some of Bhutto's hitherto concealed policy aims.

While prime minister, he said a French-built nuclear re-

Qaddafi urges Arab cultural revolution

LONDON, Feb. 11 (R) — Libyan leader Moammar Qaddafi has urged Arab states to start a cultural revolution to wipe out foreign influence and restore original Arabic culture.

The Libyan news agency JANA, in a report from Tripoli, quoted Qaddafi as telling the Arab culture ministers at the opening of a conference they should find methods of wiping out imported Western culture and what he called "foreign mentalities."

Qaddafi said foreign tastes and fads could not be imported. He criticized Egypt as being particularly Westernized.



Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto

processing plant, his regime had ordered would serve only peaceful uses. The real purpose, his book declares, was for it to help Muslim Pakistan break the "Christian-Jewish-Hindu" monopoly on nuclear arms capability.

"We were on the threshold of full nuclear capability when I left the government to come to this death cell," Bhutto wrote. "Only the Islamic civilization was without it, but that position was about to change."

However, the French government stalled the deal after Bhutto was overthrown to a bloodless coup by Gen. Zia-ul-Haq on July 1977. (He calls Zia, whom he had appointed army chief of staff, a "treacherous and ungrateful man.") Bhutto drew a parallel between himself and former U.S.

President Richard Nixon, claiming both were "ousted" because of plans radically to reorganize their respective governments.

"The similarity is so strictly close that it has stunned me," Bhutto said.

The book becomes autobiographical, with Bhutto recalling at one point how at the age of seven he shocked his father by accusing a British official of feeding "on the blood of our beautiful country."

The official, the governor of Bombay, turned to Bhutto's father and said, "In him you have a poet and a revolutionary."

In a warning which four of the seven Supreme Court judges failed to heed, Bhutto said: "More than my life is at stake. Make no mistake about it, the future of Pakistan is at stake."

Near the end of the book he tells how the execution of political leaders in another Muslim country, Turkey, led to instability, which he implied will follow his own hanging.

Bhutto was sent to Ankara by the late Pakistani President Ayub Khan in 1960 to appeal for the lives of three overthrown civilian leaders who had been condemned to death by a new military regime.

He recalled telling Gen. Gerd, "Mr. President, sir, the problems of Turkey will begin with the executions."



COOPERATION: President Bhakr and President Assad sign a charter of national action that culminated their three days of talks in late October of 1978. (AP photo)

Chiefs of staff confer

Egypt, Sudan military talks on

CAIRO, Feb. 11 (R) — Egyptian armed forces Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Ahmad Badawi has opened talks with a Sudanese military delegation.

The official Middle East News Agency said the delegation, led by Chief of Staff Abdul Majid Khalil, arrived Friday within "the framework of joint military cooperation

between the two countries."

It did not disclose the specific topics under discussion.

Egypt and Sudan are bound by a defense pact and President Sadat said in Khartoum last month that any aggression against Sudan would be treated as an attack on Egypt.

And President Ijib of Y. goshavia arrived in Amman Sunday on a two-day official

visit for talks with King Hus-

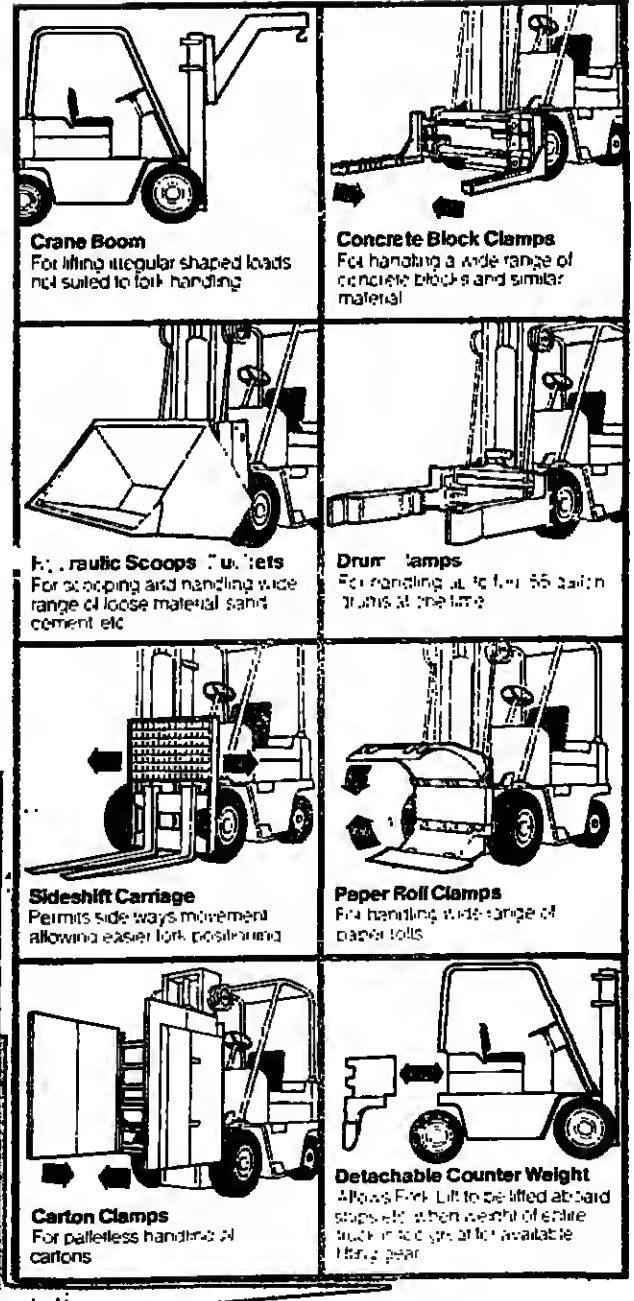
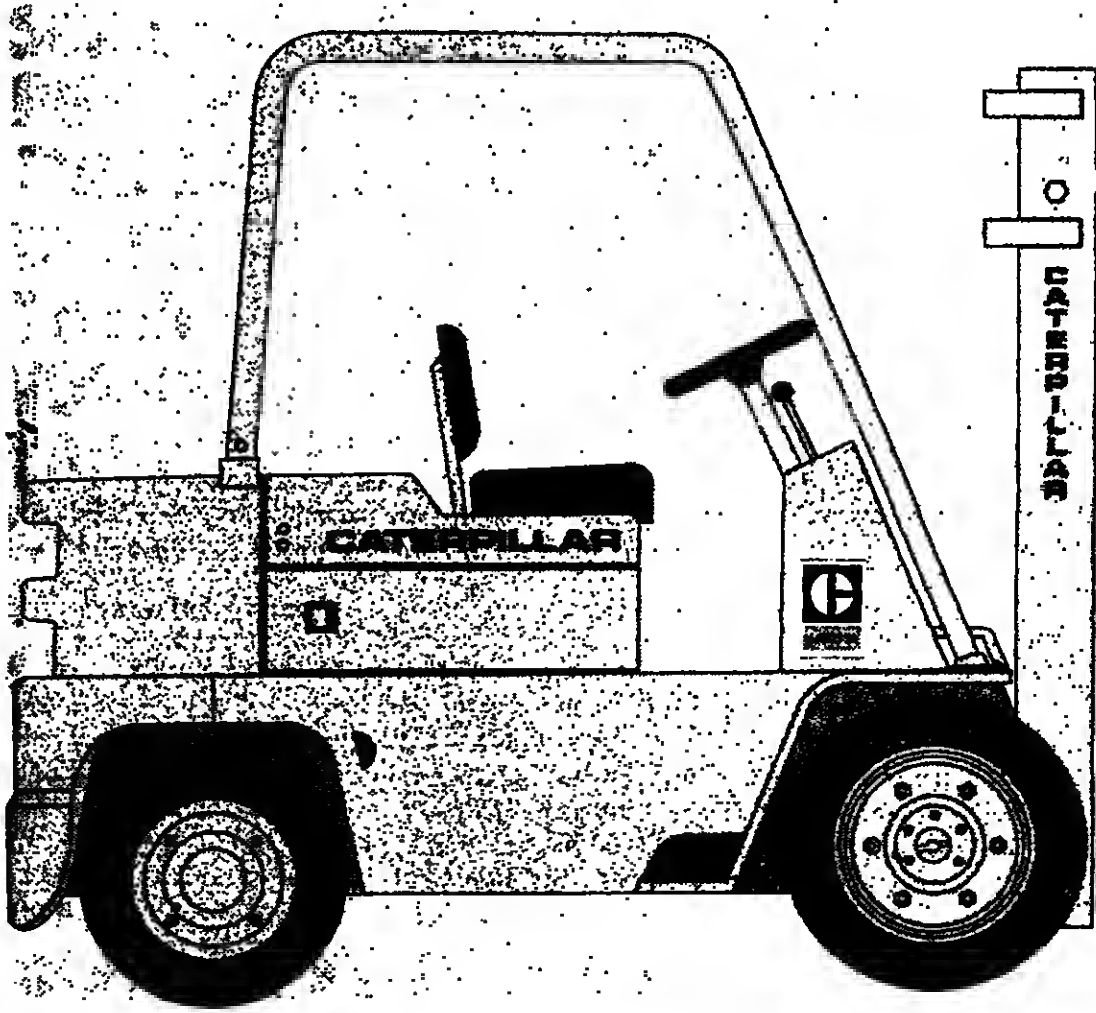
Jordan is the last stop on Tito's four state Arab tour which he embarked on Feb. 1. He has visited Kuwait, Iraq and Syria.

And South Yemeni President Abdul Fattah Ismail left Sunday for Baghdad on an official visit.

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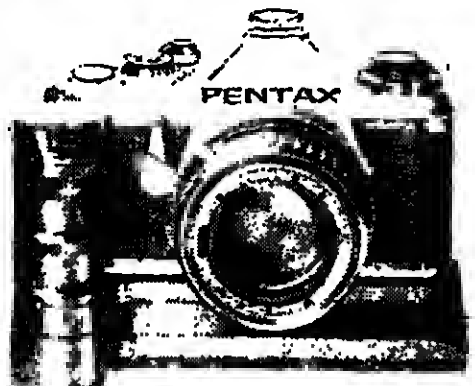
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To outlaw strikes in vital services

Thatcher promises to curb unions

LONDON, Feb. 11 (R)— Opposition leader Margaret Thatcher has promised tough measures to curb trade union power if she is elected prime minister in the coming general election.

As 1.5 million low-paid public service workers threatened to intensify their industrial action, Mrs. Thatcher said that under her rule, such strikes in

essential services would be outlawed. She told a conference of Young Conservatives she would offer key public service workers "special safeguards"

on their pay in return for an agreement not to strike. But she warned that if the agreements were not accepted or were defied, she would call in volunteer workers to keep essential services going.

"There are enough people in this country resolved to keep it going and determined not to be intimidated enough to stave off this kind of national disaster, if it ever threatened," she said.

Mrs. Thatcher, speaking in the southern England resort of Bournemouth, reasserted her determination to bring unions under control by bringing in secret ballots on strikes and ending the unions' closed shop.

As private contractors were brought in by a local council to clear mountains of garbage in central London, the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE) called the action inflammatory and warned it would step up its disruption which has brought chaos to schools and hospitals all over the country.

The contractors were ordered in after nine garbage dumps were set alight by arsonists in central London.

Ukrainian apparently gets three-year imprisonment

MOSCOW, Feb. 11 (AP)— Physicist Andrei Sakharov says that a Ukrainian school teacher who had close contacts with dissidents has been sentenced to three years in a labor camp after being convicted of resisting a police search of his apartment.

The trial of Vasily Ovsienko was held on Wednesday and Thursday in the Ukrainian town of Radomyshl, Sakharov said. He was ordered placed on a "strict regime" during his camp detention.



LONDON: A student nurse on a 24-hour strike at St. Andrew's Hospital tries to persuade a passer-by to support her colleagues. Members of the National Union of Public Employees, they had walked out in support of domestic workers of the same union. The union has threatened to intensify its action. (AP photo)

In show of separatism

Quebec welcomes Barre as ally

MONTREAL, Feb. 11 (R)— French Prime Minister Raymond Barre, on the third day of his Canadian tour, has arrived in Quebec Province as the guest of a separatist provincial government which looks to France as a natural ally.

Barre, who earlier wound up talks with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, was met here by Trudeau's arch-rival in the Canadian unity dispute, Que-

bec Premier Rene Levesque. Several hundred French-Canadians were at Montreal's Mirabel Airport to give Barre a boisterous welcome.

Some sang the "Marseillaise," the French national anthem, and one carried a poster with a French slogan involving a play on his name.

It read "Ici on Barre Trudeau"—meaning "here we boycott Trudeau."

During the Ottawa leg of his visit Barre had sought to reassure the Federal government that France wants to develop relations with Canada as a whole and not interfere in the country's unity argument.

But his four days in Quebec, when he will confer with Levesque and address the Quebec Provincial legislature, will be watched nervously by Federal officials for gestures of French support for Quebec independence.

Barre's visit to Quebec follows an agreement between the Province and the French government to exchange top-level visits annually.

Press reports both here and in Quebec have said the Federal government insisted on Barre going to Ottawa as a condition of his visit to Quebec.

But as part of the protocol war between Quebec and Ottawa, Barre's stay in the province will have the trappings of an official visit to a separate state.

Athens fights terrorism with reinforced police

ATHENS, Feb. 11 (R)— The Greek government, in a move to fight terrorism, is to increase police forces throughout the country and intensify patrols in the capital and major cities.

An official announcement said Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis had presided over a meeting attended by the defense and public order ministers which had decided to increase the 7,000 strong Athens police force by 600 men.

It was also decided to increase the gendarmerie—the police force in the provinces

Russia gives Castro submarine

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)— Russia has provided Cuba its first submarine and two new highspeed torpedoes in moves strengthening Fidel Castro's small navy, has been learned.

The Defense Department confirmed reports that a diesel powered attack submarine, designated by the United States in the Foxtrot class, was delivered to Cuba last Wednesday and that two Turya class hydrofoil patrol craft arrived Friday.

The 2,100-ton Foxtrot submarine, which could be about 30 years old, represents a serious threat to Western interests, according to defense analysts. They do say, however, that it serves to promote the Cuban Navy to a stature which more closely approximates that of other Latin American navies.

American analysts are uncertain whether the Russians mean this submarine, designed to fire conventional torpedoes, to be the first of a squadron to be supplied to Cuba over time.

Defense officials said they expect the Russians to provide naval specialists to train Cuban sailors in manning the submarine, which is normally operated by a crew of 70.

Athens fights terrorism with reinforced police

— by 1,200 men. Security forces would be modernized with new equipment and electronic devices.

The measures follow a recent wave of bomb blasts in the Greek capital in which about 20 people were injured.

Police are now holding 10 people, including active army officers and a lieutenant colonel of the gendarmerie, in connection with recent bomb explosions.

Ten of those in custody are accused of belonging to a clandestine right-wing organization known as Group for National Restoration.

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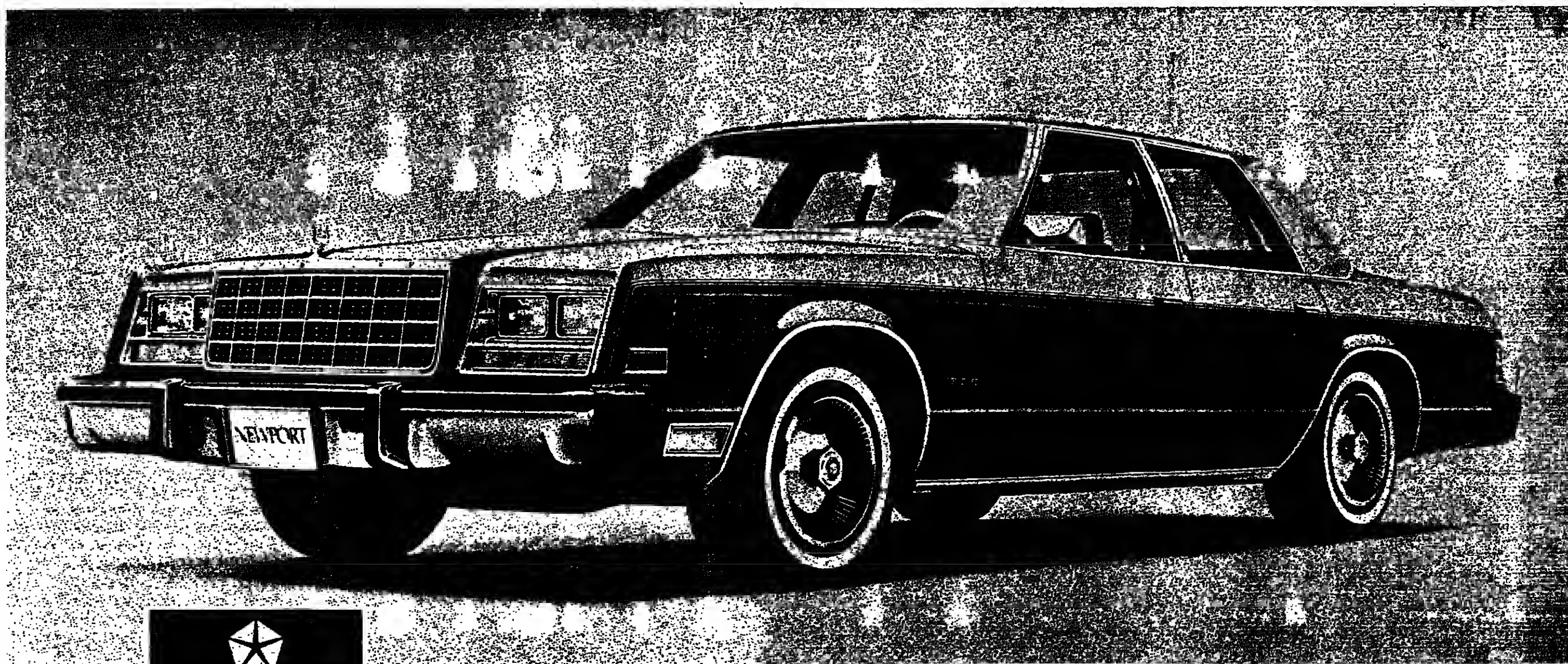
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Yamani, Oteiba, Sabah confer

Arab oil producers may boost output

KUWAIT, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Arab oil producers are considering raising their production to partly meet the oil shortages on world markets caused by the turmoil in oil sources here.

The sources, who declined to be identified, told the Associated Press Saturday, however, that an upward adjustment of crude prices set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries "may be inevitable" to meet higher production costs.

The OPEC meeting in Abu Dhabi last December decided an overall 10 per cent price

hike for 1979, starting with a 5 per cent increase which brought the price to around \$14 a barrel for the first quarter of the year.

A Kuwaiti newspaper quoted unnamed oil industry sources as saying some Gulf oil states facing increased demand because of the Iranian shortfalls, were already selling oil at \$20 a barrel, and that the OPEC price may triple by the end of April if the rush on buying continued.

The Kuwaiti sources spoke as United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mansour bin Zayed Al-Nahyan held consultations with Kuwaiti and Saudi oil ministers on what was officially termed as "urgent oil matters."

Oteiba met with Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah then flew to Riyadh for a meeting with Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

In Riyadh, Oteiba was quoted as saying that the ministers had noticed that the oil companies "were making excessive profits from sales especially to poor countries, although they have no right to



Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani do so since these profits should revert to those who deserve them."

The sources said the issue being discussed by the Gulf oil ministers is twofold: first, to what extent the Arab producers can go to meet the Iranian shortage, believed ranging from two to three million barrels a day, and second, at what rate the extra production would be sold.

Saudi Arabia has already raised its production ceiling and its major producing company, the Arabian American Oil Company, reportedly is

operating at near full capacity of ten million barrels a day. Any further substantial increases would require an upgrading of production means, evidently entailing more costs.

Kuwait reportedly raised its production ceiling from 1.8 million barrels a day to two million barrels, following pressure from its main customers, particularly BP, Gulf Oil and Shell.

In a separate development, Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo has said Mexico will not join OPEC for the time being but will not sell its oil abroad below the price fixed by OPEC.

In an interview published in Belgrade Saturday Portillo said:

"Since Mexico was still not a big producer and, owning its oil industry, did not need to negotiate oil prices with multinational companies, it would not yet join OPEC."



DISGRUNTLED: Striker Larry Childers leaves no doubt where his sentiments lie as he sticks his tongue out at the front gate of Newport News Shipbuilding Co. last week. More than 1,000 members of the striking United Steelworkers Union staged a show of strength at the sprawling shipyard. A spokesman for the shipyard said conciliation talks have ended, suggesting a protracted strike. (AP wirephoto)

In France Social unrest feared as strike continues

PARIS, Feb. 11 (UPI) — Fears of widespread social conflict in France grew Saturday after a series of dramatic protests across the country against rising unemployment.

The major potential flash-point remained the steel-producing areas in Lorraine and along the Belgian border where workers are up in arms against government plans to sack 20,000 men in a major reorganization of the industry.

Strikers in the steel capital of Longwy in northern Lorraine blocked the main Paris-Luxembourg railway line Friday by emptying a freight train containing 1,500 tons of iron ore.

Other steelworkers from the Lille region hired a fleet of coaches to drive to Paris and Son Havoc in Friday night's rush-hour traffic.

The 1,500 protesters were later involved in violent clashes with riot police as they tried to block the Lille motorway with their coaches near Charles de Gaulle Airport just north of the capital. Some 35 policemen were reported injured.

The incidents came as an ominous preview for a week due to culminate in a nationwide steel strike next Friday.

In western France too there were protests against the rise in unemployment, now standing at 1.3 million.

In Brittany south of the Atlantic coast, workers took to the streets for mass parades. The ports of La Rochelle, Nantes and Rochefort were

closed by strikers. Saturday's headline in the Socialist daily "Le Matin" — "mounting anger over jobless" — summed up the apprehension felt this weekend on both sides of the labor fence.

A top official of the left-wing CFDT Union grouping told the weekly "Nouvel Observateur" Saturday that an explosion was probable if the government refused to negotiate on the planned steel industry redundancies.

Javits urges gasoline rationing

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP) — Taking a hard line on energy conservation, Republican Sen. Jacob Javits has advocated gasoline rationing as the only way to reduce the United States' dependence on imported oil.

The state's senior senator also placed the blame for a continued high level of oil imports on the American people; who he said "simply will not accept without law — rationing and the enforcement of law — anything that smacks of real conservation."

Speaking on WABC-TV's "Eyewitness News Conference" Saturday, Javits said: "The problem is the fact that we're still buying abroad 50 per cent of our oil" from the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR Free	Closing Date
Municipality of Al-Ahsa	Supply of vehicles	6		Mar. 11
"	Maintenance of drainage, pumping machines and purification reservoirs	8		Mar. 13
Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Al-Bah	Construction of a building for Khamis municipality	xx	1000	Mar. 3
Municipality of Tabuk	Supply of furniture	xx	30	Mar. 4
"	Supply of stationery and printed material	xx	30	Mar. 4
"	Supply of uniforms	xx	30	Mar. 4
Municipality of Medina	Re-asphalting and fixing of curbside and tiles on some roads of Medina	xx	50	Mar. 10
"	Supply of vehicle with electric ladder	xx	50	Mar. 10
"	Illumination of main roads (A)	xx	600	Mar. 10
"	Illumination of main roads (B)	xx	200	Mar. 10



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9	MALDIV LOYALTY	U.E.P.	RICE/GENERAL	10/2/1979
10	AKBAR	ALIREZA	PASSENGERS	10/2/1979
11	BOLTON TRADER	IACC	CONTAINERS	10/2/1979
13	NEDLLOYD	KANOO	GENERAL	10/2/1979
16	BANGKOK	KANOO	KEEPR/GENERAL	10/2/1979
17	WESTMORLAND	A.E.T.	GENERAL	10/2/1979
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20	EVER HONESTY	U.E.P.	C CEMENT	8/2/1979
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Lebanese Lira (100)	—	108.50	108.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	80.00	86.65
Egyptian Pound	—	4.60	4.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.30	12.33
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.35	11.35
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.00	87.80
Omani Riyal (100)	—	87.00	87.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.70	8.70
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.40	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—	74.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	88.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.41
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.30
Gold kg	—	27,300	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,200	—
Silver kg bar	—	700	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.70	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.82	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.16	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.69	—	—
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IRAN'S IMPERATIVES

The draft resignation of the hapless Iranian Premier Shahpour Bakhtiar after losing army support in his battle with Ayatollah Khomeini heralds the victory of the religious leader and the end of the last vestige of the Shah-appointed government in that country.

Bakhtiar could not possibly have remained in power much longer without massive and determined military backing. But the army, which had been initially in favor of Bakhtiar as a nominee of the Shah to whom they still owed loyalty, must have been overwhelmed by the size of the opposition to it and to the government, as well as by the blind allegiance of the millions of Iranians to the moral authority of the Ayatollah and his appeal for a return to Islamic fundamentalism and an Islamic republic.

There were no indications that the Ayatollah would have succumbed to Bakhtiar or the army. He was not that kind of man, not after campaigning for 15 years against the Shah. If the Shah could be forced to go on leave which may last for good, why couldn't a lesser mortal like Bakhtiar, only a nominee and caretaker.

Anxious to save further carnage with no hope of victory the army opted to withdraw support from Bakhtiar which entailed his downfall, and mend fences with the new wave represented by the Ayatollah who will most probably be Iran's uncrowned leader for sometime to come.

So far the Iranian crisis remains a purely internal matter, however bloody and agonizing it may be for the people and for Muslim peoples elsewhere who view the tragedy with profound concern and grief.

This was expressed yesterday by the prestigious World Supreme Council of Mosques of Mecca appealing to the Iranian people to halt the civil war and exercise self-restraint in the spirit of Islamic brotherhood and understanding.

It is imperative now that further bloodshed and destruction be halted forthwith. The country has already had enough in the last nine months and, unless something abnormal happens it looks as if the Ayatollah will soon have full control of the situation — especially since the army had announced that it would not meddle in politics on anybody's behalf.

The Ayatollah has long been battling the Shah's despotism and his denial of public liberties. Now it is up to him to pave the way to a more representative regime that would herald the restoration of political rights and freedoms.

AMERICAN ARMS

U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown was reported to have said his government would favorably review arms requests from the Yemen Arab Republic and the Democratic Republic of Somalia. The reports went as far as saying that North Yemen would receive \$200 million to \$300 million worth of arms.

If they are true, the reports would greatly boost the morale of two embattled states flanking the Red Sea. But there remains the prospect of some wrangling in Congress over the question, since both are Arab League states.

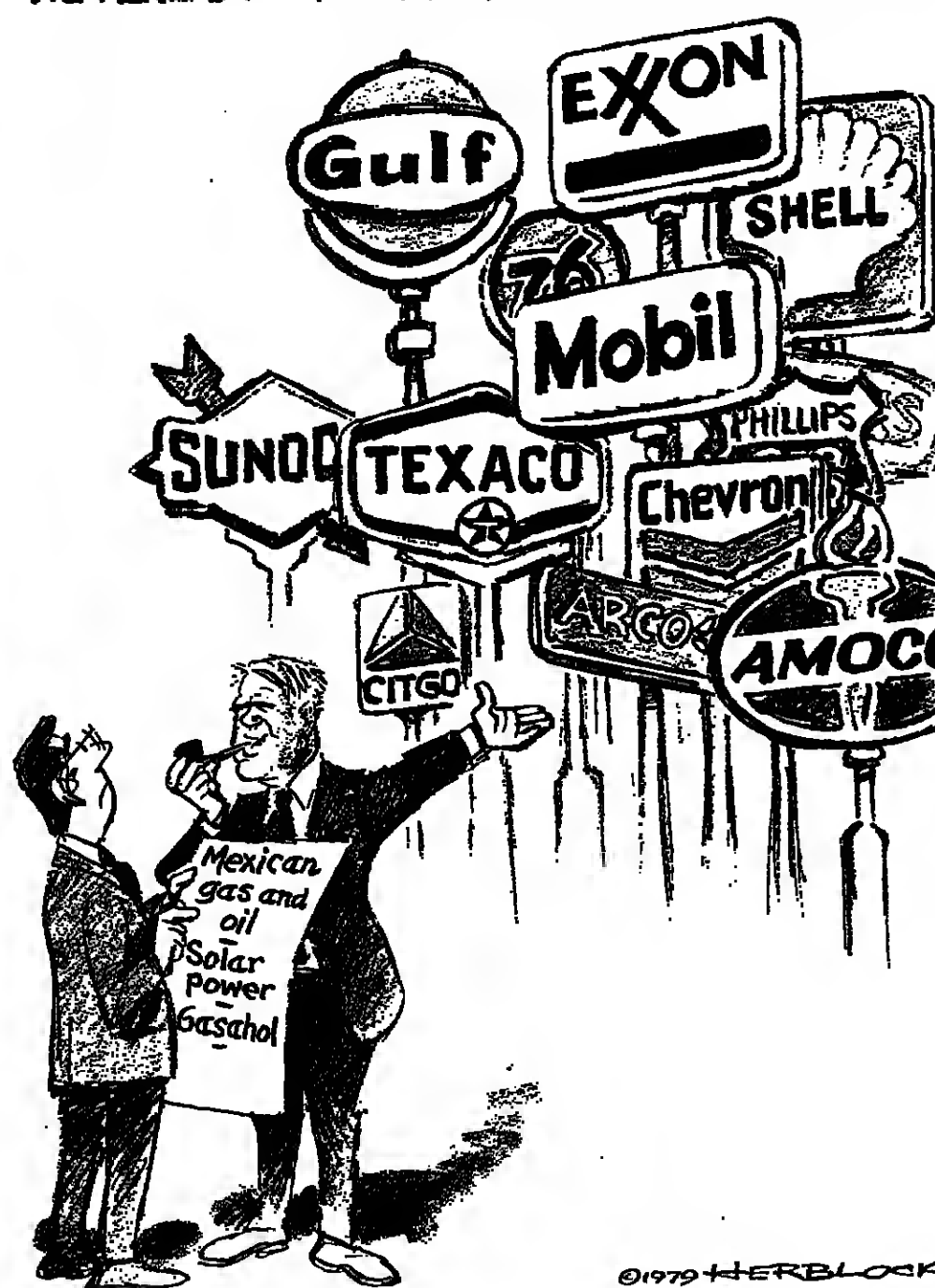
Both countries face grave threats from their Marxist and Soviet-backed neighbors. South Yemen and Ethiopia. The former is extremely well-armed and scarcely conceals its hostility to the Islamic state of Yemen, which is on very good terms with Saudi Arabia and the Arab states of the Gulf. It has long forsaken Soviet weaponry for fear of being enmeshed in the Soviet sphere of influence, as was the fate of South Yemen. Adequate weapons from the United States would go a long way to allaying Yemeni fears of an unequal conflict with South Yemen in the event of a confrontation or a prolonged campaign of subversion.

Somalia, meanwhile, has seen its armies decimated by the Soviet and Cuban-backed Ethiopian forces during the Ogaden offensive and, according to one Somali source, "not a screw has been replaced by the West since then."

Adding insult to injury, the U.S. government at one time had promised to supply the Somalis with defensive weapons provided they gave up any expansionist ambitions, but reneged on the promise, leaving the Somalis to wonder whether they had made a mistake by alienating the Soviet Union so completely. Indeed, they were so incensed that Somalia's ruling party in Mogadishu is reported to have resolved to patch up its quarrel with Moscow in hopes of keeping the Soviets at bay.

Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states are providing economic assistance to the two countries. But it is Western technology and economic aid they need most — and American arms to guarantee the peace they need to develop.

"WE ALREADY HAVE ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES"



Turkish forebodings

By Michael Geller

ANKARA — An overriding sense of trouble — a foreboding that Turkey may be heading into insurmountable difficulties — is gripping this strategically located country that borders on the Soviet Union and anchors the southern flank of NATO.

It is an atmosphere fed by an unemployment rate of 20 percent, an annual inflation rate now running at 60 percent, a surge of politically linked violence that has claimed about 1,000 lives in the past year, industrial output that has dropped to 50 percent of capacity, and an economy that is virtually bankrupt from foreign debts and unable to find new financing.

The events in neighboring Iran have added to the general sense here that a period of political turmoil is brewing for Turkey.

The troubles in Turkey — a country of about 42 million — are causing rising concern within NATO, especially in West Germany, which has sought to focus attention on the situation. In the United States, the specter looms of another ally in trouble. In addition, the loss of valuable U.S. electronic listening posts in Iran used to monitor Soviet missile testing has heightened interest in the future of similar stations near the Soviet border here.

Many Turkish political, business and intellectual leaders retain a degree of optimism about the long-term future of Turkey. Yet there is a brooding fear, according to Prof. Aydin Yalcin, a liberal for-

mer member of parliament, based on a combination of bad luck, foreign lack of understanding and sympathy and widespread unrest.

The lights in major cities go out for two hours every day due to an energy shortage that reflects lack of foreign currency to pay for oil imports and failure to complete many power stations started in the early 1970s.

Six trains have crashed in recent weeks, killing 47 people. The crashes, although unrelated to the other difficulties, have contributed to feeling of many Turks that something is wrong.

After an outbreak of sectarian warfare in Maras in December which took 102 lives, Turkey's Liberal Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit declared martial law in 13 provinces, including this capital and Istanbul.

It's a low-key martial law. Soldiers are little in evidence. Yet Turkey now joins nearby Iran and Pakistan as countries under martial law and threatened by internal upheaval. All of them, along with the United States, are partners in the Central Treaty Organization, a pact at one time aimed at maintaining stability in the important region.

Unlike Iran, Turkey has been a parliamentary democracy for some 30 years. There are outside here through political parties for all points of view. There is an elected government and not an authoritarian figure such as the Shah of Iran to rebel against. The significance here of

Iran's upheaval is that it is perceived as adding to the idea, as an Ankara woman put it, "that this is a time of turmoil and its all around us."

It has added to the Turkish hardliners' fear that eventually the Communists will undermine the religious revolt in Iran and take over there, putting more pressure on Turkey. Ironically, several Western diplomats here observe, the turmoil in Iran may wind up saving Turkey because there is now an intensive Western focus on events here and an awareness of how fast countries once regarded as stable allies can go under.

Although Turkey — whose 450,000-man ground army is NATO's largest in Europe — has always been a trusted member of NATO, it is by far the poorest within a west-to-do alliance.

In a sense, NATO's concerns are chickens coming home to roost. Turkey has always been treated within the Alliance in strategic and military terms, with little attention paid to economic needs. The notion that it pays to support democracies, especially poor ones, somehow was soft-pedaled.

What is needed, sources here say, is mainly a Western international effort to bail Turkey out — with insistence on reforms to restore bank confidence and eventually help Turkey support itself. The tab for the next year alone could run to \$1.5 billion, representing the difference between Turkey's earnings abroad and the minimum amount needed to keep industry running. — (WP)

saudi press review

The count down to a civil war in Iran has already begun and it may lead to a grave struggle in which various military units are involved on either side. Khomeini declared a holy war against Bakhtiar who announced his determination to remain in power assisted as he is by the majority of the armed forces, according to "Al-Nadwa". With the armed forces divided, the prospects are in favor of a bloody civil war, the country will soon become a fertile ground for a full scale conflagration the kind of which some world powers have tried successfully in another country.

"Okaz" said that the meeting between the Lebanese premier Saleem A'Hoss and the representative of the U.N. Secretary General dealt with the need to force Israel to vacate the southern part of the country which it has been occupying with the collusion of local forces.

The paper said that Lebanon need all the support it can get from the United Nations and the nationalist forces in the country to seek the liberation of its territory. The nationalist Lebanese forces are very concerned with maintaining the legality of the government and its right to station troops in the whole country. The U.N. has passed a resolution to that effect, which should bind Israel to leave this country alone. The escalation of events in the Middle East whether it occurs in Iran or southern Lebanon places a grave responsibility on the United Nations to preserve the peace and maintain stability in the region, the paper added.

In another commentary, "Okaz" said that the current talks between the Saudi and Australian leaders should benefit both countries considerably on account of the similarities between them. Australia, the paper added, is a continent-

state and has some vast experience on this scale that the Kingdom could use. Thus an agreement with Australia, like the one that is being discussed at present should be of great benefit to this country in various fields. These could include foodstuffs, meat, participation in development plans and many others where Australian experience and expertise may be useful to us.

Discussing the concept of loyalty, "Al-Riyadh" referred to the recent statements by Senator Frank Church in which he attacked some Arab states on behalf of Israel. The paper said that Church zeal in defending Israel, all the way, exceeded even that of Jacob Javits who had dedicated himself to the Israeli lobby in the United States.

It said we understand loyalty as belonging in fact and feeling to one country, but the concept is mixed up in the case of Church who hopes to

Church speech draws rebuke

By a Staff Reporter
 Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON —

A leading Arab-American organization has warned Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Sen. Frank Church that his recent anti-Saudi remarks "may push the Saudis further away from the United States and jeopardize the oil imports on which our industrialized economy depends."

The National Association of Arab-Americans (NAAA) told Church his speech before the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith on Feb. 1 "was a disappointment" to Americans supportive of an evenhanded Middle East policy.

NAAA President Dr. Hisham Sharabi, in a cable to the senator, said "the anti-Saudi thrust of the talk showed little appreciation of the importance of Saudi Arabia in the United States."

Sharabi cited recent developments in the Gulf region — including the "collapse of the Shah" — as reasons for avoiding statements that would tend to alienate the Saudi leadership.

"Your choice of a partisan political forum in which to deliver an anti-Arab address may lead Americans to conclude that you told the audience exactly what they expected to hear," Sharabi said. The NAA president urged

Church to be "more supportive of the American national interest in a crucial part of the world."

In his B'nai B'rith speech, Church had criticized Saudi Arabia's role in the Middle East peace process and warned the Kingdom he would seek to curtail American support for the Saudis if Saudi policy did not shift on the question of an Egyptian-Israeli peace.

Arab diplomats here were outraged by Church's comments.

The Idaho senator was also criticized during a press conference here by Dr. Hafeez Huseini, head of the Palestine Information Office in Washington.

Helping 'Third World' trade

By Helen Dewar

WASHINGTON —

Three years ago the United States opened its doors to duty-free imports of a vast variety of goods from Third World countries, running the gamut from ale to zinc.

Now it appears that the helping hand extends to the maker of two multimillion-dollar oil drilling and production platforms that are under construction in Malaysia.

And the struggling entrepreneur turns out to be Brown and Root Inc., a Houston-based giant of the American construction industry.

The result has been cries of protest from Congress, the domestic steel industry and labor unions, along with an official petition for exclusion of the platforms from the list of 2,700 Third World items eligible for duty-free treatment.

At a hearing on the petition last month before the U.S. trade policy staff committee, Brown and Root defended its use of a wholly-owned subsidiary in Malaysia to build the platforms for export — presumably duty-free — to the Santa Barbara channel off California.

"In fact," said John Christian Archer, director of federal relations for Brown and Root, "the Malaysian fabrication yard is ... precisely the kind of economic development Congress sought to encourage" in giving trade preferences to many commodities from underdeveloped countries.

Taking issue with Brown and Root's claim was Rep. George Miller, Democrat of California, who joined with 67 other congressmen in urging exclusion of offshore oil platforms from the so-called Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) for

excluding Third World imports from duties.

"I strongly doubt that you would find many members of Congress who interpreted the GSP as such an incentive for runaway U.S. corporations" that set up production facilities in selected countries "for the purpose of picking up not only the lower wage and foreign tax benefits, but the duty-free benefits as well," said Miller. "But that is unfortunately the way it is being abused," he added.

The GSP was included in the 1974 Trade Act to assist the economic development of poor countries and has grown into a list of about 2,700 trade items from 127 countries for which the United States will waive import duties. Collectively, this duty-free trade amounted to \$4.2 billion for the first 10 months of 1978, \$1 billion more than the total for 1977, according to government statistics.

The duty-free items include a virtual trade bazaar, ranging from shark oil, coconuts, ping-pong balls, clothespins and lace handkerchiefs to television sets, steam engines, railway cars — and now offshore oil platforms.

Until the mid-1970s, oil platforms were not a trade issue because all that were purchased for use in U.S. waters were made domestically. But opposition emerged when foreign yards (one in Japan and the Brown and Root subsidiary in Malaysia) won bids for three of four platforms bought for use in the Santa Barbara channel and U.S. customs ruled that the Malaysian-made platforms would qualify for a duty exemption if they met GSP requirements.

The duty, if paid, would be

9 1/2 per cent — meaning a saving of that amount for Brown and Root if it qualifies for the exemption.

The Ironworkers International Union, which initiated the petition to require that duties be paid on all platforms, stumbled almost accidentally across Brown and Root's involvement in the Malaysian project. At first the union assumed it was a Japanese endeavor and was prepared to fight it on those grounds, according to William Lawbaugh, trade specialist for the union. Only later, Lawbaugh said, did he read a trade journal article identifying the company as a Brown and Root subsidiary.

But the union still contends that the steel is largely fabricated in Japan and run through the Malaysian plant largely to qualify for the duty exemption — a charge that Brown and Root's Archer denied.

Archer told the government's trade panel that the steel arrived as "raw materials" and was processed by a work force that consisted of 10 Americans, three British, one Australian and 621 Malaysians. "There is no economic incentive to serve merely as an assembly yard for prefabricated steel production," he said.

Archer also noted that the coming in of producers of oil platforms, plans fabrication plants on both coasts of the United States, saying they will provide "thousands of American jobs."

Miller contended that, unless domestic facilities are protected from duty-free competition from abroad, the West Coast alone stands to lose "in excess of one-third of a billion dollars" in wages anticipated over the next five years. — (WP)

Surprised by Iran

By Warren Brown

WASHINGTON —

U.S. Central Intelligence Agency director Stansfield Turner has said that Iran is experiencing a truly national revolution that has caught the United States and nearly everyone else by surprise.

Turner said the CIA had been aware of widespread dissidence in Iran, stemming from religious, cultural, political and economic sources.

"It was like a series of volcanoes bubbling up. But it certainly appeared that no one of them would bubble up so much that the (Iranian) government couldn't control it," he said last week on the ABC television interview program, "Issues and Answers."

"What we didn't forecast was that a single man, a 78-

year-old cleric who had been in exile for 14 years, would be the catalyst that would bring these forces together, and that we would have one huge volcano — a truly national revolution," Turner said.

The 78-year-old cleric is the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Turner said the CIA clearly would like to have done better in gauging Khomeini's influence and in understanding the resurgence of the Islamic movement. But he said the strength of the movement was a surprise to everyone, including Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, who flew out of Iran on an indefinite vacation Jan. 6. The Shah was the initial target of the revolution.

"I would suggest that even Ayatollah Khomeini didn't realize how well his force was

moving along," Turner said. "It all means that the CIA must do a better job at looking at the socio-political happenings in countries," said the intelligence director. "It's not easy ... We're not No. 2 (in intelligence gathering), but we're going to try harder."

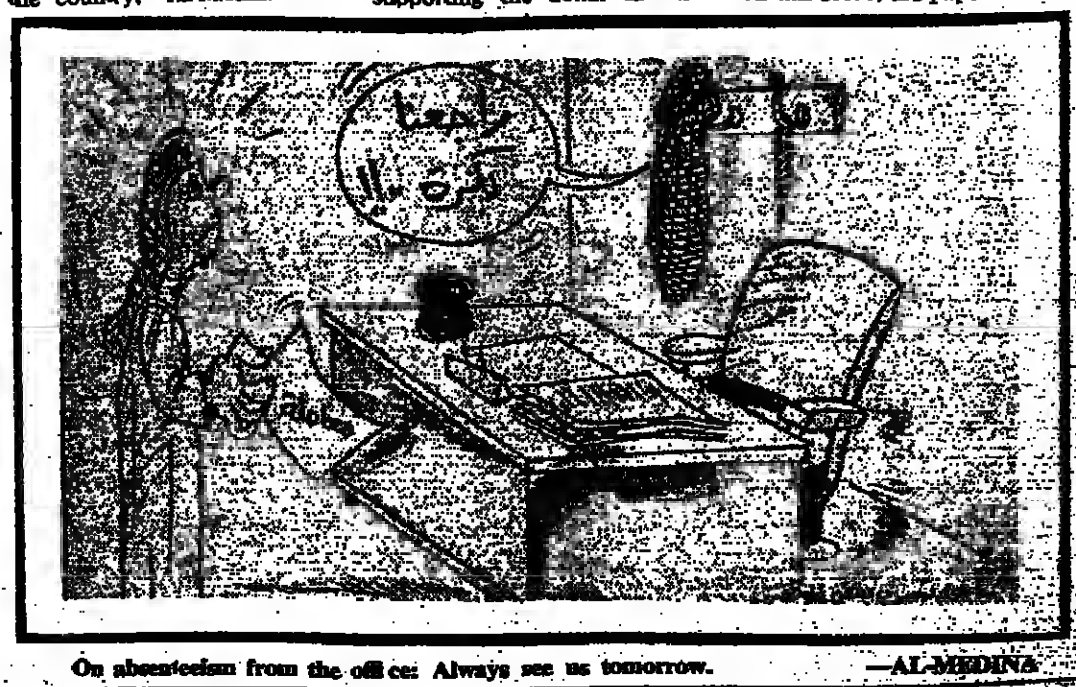
Turner did not say who is No. 1 in the international intelligence battles. But he implied that, at least in the case of Iran, it's not the Soviet Union.

"Particularly because they are a police state, they felt that the bubbles of discontent would be kept under control," he said of the Soviets. "It wasn't until it became clear that the Shah's days were numbered that they came out as stridently as they did against the Shah's government," he said. — (WP)

win the support of the American Jews in his bid for the presidential nomination next year and believes that the road to that end is through supporting the Zionist state.

On Harold Brown's visit to the country, "Al-Medina" edi-

torial said the relations between the two countries were good and well-founded. The benefit is mutual, the paper said. The United States has been good to Saudi Arabia and the Kingdom reciprocated in good measures specially in supporting the dollar in the



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BOOKSHELF

British books on the Middle East

By F.W. Rawding
JEDDAH — The Exhibition of British Books on The Middle East held here last week arranged by the British Council, was one of a series of book exhibitions being staged by the King Abdul Aziz University central library.

James MacGrath, regional director for the British Council, explained that facilities for the exhibition had been generously provided by the KAAU central library authorities led by the Dean of Librarianship, Dr. Abbas Tashkendi.

MacGrath described the exhibition, one which is circulating in a number of Arab countries, as an assembly of some 350 titles on various aspects of Middle Eastern studies produced in Britain from mainly, but not exclusively, British authors. "British scholarship," he said, "has been involved in the Middle East at least since the 16th century, and a long tradition of cultural exchange exists."

The exhibition was graced by a number of attractive photographs and illustrations drawn from the books, and an excellent catalogue was provided.

The exhibit's historical section was particularly strong, with works reaching back to Egyptian and South Arabian antiquities. There were studies of European influences and Arab reactions, and a number of works dealing with contemporary problems.



porary problems.

An important section on Islam and Islamic institutions included notable books by Muslim scholars, as did a selection of Arabic literature.

A most interesting collection of travel and belles lettres on the Arab world included all the well known works of Fre-

ya Stark, some of Philby and of other British specialists in the region.

Mr. Hamdi, one of the University Librarians, said that the students, particularly, had shown great interest in the exhibition and many of them had been stimulated to order books from the United Kingdom. "There were at least 300 students here on the first day," he said.

Dr. Abbas Tashkendi outlined his objectives in staging book exhibitions in the central library: First, to give the library itself an opportunity to review and select books to add to its own resources; second, to give faculty members and students the chance to examine and order books relevant to their interests; and lastly, to give publishers the facility to display as wide a selection of their products as possible.

In January, the library held an exhibition of Tunisian publications, mainly in Arabic. From March 19 to 26 a very important exhibition will be staged in the science building of the University (the old library). This exhibition will feature 10,000 titles covering all the University disciplines. Some 160 publishers from all over the world will exhibit and the Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz has agreed to open it, Dr. Tashkendi said.

U.K. architect speaks on environment at KAAU

JEDDAH — Maurice Pickering, an English architect who has acquired a high reputation in the field of environmental planning, gave a lecture last week at the School of Environmental Design at King Abdul Aziz University on the subject of "Harmony in the Environment."

Pickering has made a considerable contribution to the philosophy of conserving the environment in the face of the onward march of mass urban development. This subject is of special interest in the context of contemporary Jeddah. His ideas are not revolutionary, but he expresses them

with a measure of warmth. Harmony in the environment, he believes, results from simply observing the laws of nature. Producing a good living environment is a matter of reconciling the conflicting in-

terests of governments, planners, architects, builders, businessmen and populations.

This is not always easy. Pickering notes, but human happiness will not be achieved in a social sense unless this

harmonization occurs. "The desert is advancing in many regions of the earth," he said to the students, "and you could do quite a lot to improve the situation here by planting trees in the Thama." (F.W.R.)

Laker's Skytrain gets booking

LONDON — Sir Freddie Laker has won his battle to provide a rudimentary booking system on his cheap Skytrain services to New York and Los Angeles.

This will infuriate the big established North Atlantic airlines, for whom Skytrain may

now become a major competitor rather than just a minor irritant. But it will please the British Airports Authority and the Westminster City Council, who last summer had to deal with long queues of passengers camped out near the Skytrain ticket desks.

The Civil Aviation Authority quoted the queuing problem as its main reason for giving Laker Airways permission to introduce some form of booking, and invited other carriers to suggest ways in which queuing for standby seats might be avoided. (G)

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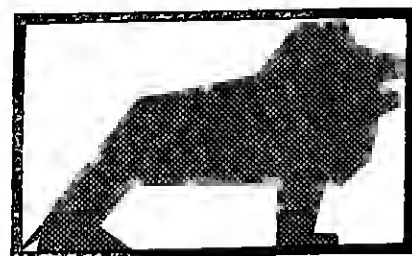
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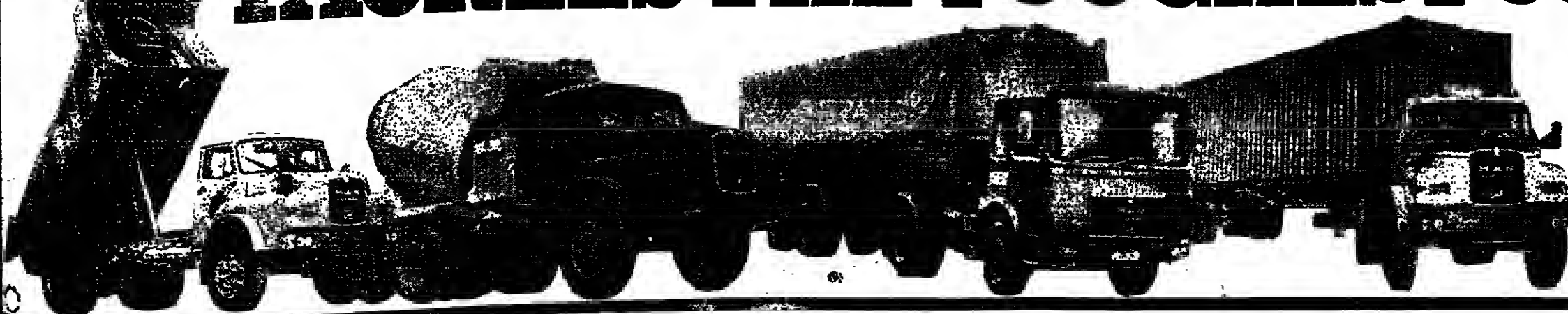
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In last Test

Sturdy Gooch innings puts MCC in control

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 11 (AP)—Burly right-hander Grahame Gooch finally found his best form Sunday to help England into a strong position on the second day of the sixth Test against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

When a ferocious storm stopped play for the day at tea, England's first innings stood at four for 216, eighteen ahead of Australia's first innings total of 198.

David Gower (47) and Ian Botham (17) were in full swing and with six wickets in hand England looked set for a 100-plus first innings lead.

Only a startling turnabout would stop England from returning home next Saturday with a 51-series win.

The Australian camp still believes it can win if it can restrict England's first innings lead. For England will have to bat last on a wicket that is taking more spin with every hour.

However, the way the Australian batsmen handled England's spinners in the fourth Test here last month makes one wonder if Australia can set a decent chase.

Australia looked to be in with a chance when Geoff Boycott (19) and Derek Randall (7) were back in the pavilion with only 46 runs on the board this morning.

Then Gooch came to the wicket and added 69 in near even time for the third wicket with Mike Brearley (46).

Gooch and David Gower then piled on another 67 for the fourth wicket to send Australia's hopes tumbling.

Gooch was finally out for 74 when he was beaten off the pitch by a Jim Hogg's delivery that moved sharply across from off stump to keeper Kevin Wright who removed the bats.

Gooch's innings was his best and a welcome tonic. He has struggled throughout the series scoring only 172 runs from 10 previous Test innings.

He hit some wonderful pulls and drives for seven fours and a towering six in his 149 minutes at the crease. Mike Brearley took 54 minutes to get off his overnight total of 18 Sunday morning but eventually played some confident shots to help his side out of trouble. His 200-minute stay at the wicket was by far his most valuable for England in this series.

Borg again masters Vilas in Grand Slam semifinals

BOCA RATON, Florida, Feb. 11 (AP)—Bjorn Borg stretched to eight matches his domination of Guillermo Vilas with a 6-3, 6-3 victory Sunday in the \$300,000 Grand Slam of Tennis tournament.

The victory moved Borg into the finals for the third straight year against Jimmy Connors who defeated John McEnroe in straight sets Friday. Borg has beaten Connors in the finals the last two years.

The match was typical — marked by long rallies usually ending with Vilas returning one of Borg's patiently accurate ground strokes either too long or into the net.

Borg scored five service breaks to two for Vilas. The Swede fell behind 3-2 in the first set, but tied it with a service break, didn't allow a point in opening a 4-3 lead and yielded only one point in breaking Vilas' serve again.



DUEL: Spurs' Osvaldo Ardiles, left, duels with Terry Yorath of Coventry City. Ardiles play Saturday kept Spurs together in the freezing and slippery conditions to record a 3-1 win.

For moment, anyway

King hat-trick crowns Everton

LONDON, Feb. 11 (R)—A magnificent hat-trick by Andy King sent Everton to the top of the English soccer First Division Saturday.

King scored three times in 35 minutes as Everton crushed Bristol City, 4-1, to leapfrog ahead of Liverpool and West Bromwich Albion, whose games fell victim to another bout of bleak, wintry weather which forced the postponement of 27 matches in England and Scotland.

Everton's lead is likely to be short-lived. It has 36 points from 25 games but neighbor Liverpool, just one point behind, has three games in hand.

Fourth-placed Arsenal missed a chance to edge nearer the leaders when it was surprisingly held 0-0 at home by lowly Middlesbrough, who hardly mounted a worthwhile attack throughout. But in-form Leeds kept in touch by winning 1-0 away to

bottom club Birmingham who became one million pounds (2 million) richer Friday by selling star striker Trevor Francis to champion Nottingham Forest.

Frank Gray scored Leeds' goal with a 24th minute penalty.

Happiest fans of the day were those of Manchester United, whose team slammed local

rivals Manchester City, 3-0, at Maine Road with two goals from winger Steve Coppell and one from 18-year-old Andy Ritchie.

Tottenham Hotspur collected its first League win for two months with a surprise 3-1 victory at Coventry. Winger Peter Taylor scored two of the goals.

British League soccer results

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP)—Results of Saturday's British soccer games.

English League Division one
 Arsenal 0 Middlesbrough 0
 Birmingham 0 Leeds 1
 Coventry 1 Spurs 3
 Derby 1 Norwich 1
 Everton 4 Bristol City 1
 Ipswich 0 Southampton 0
 Man. C. 0 Man. Utd. 3
 QPR 3 Wolves 3
 Division two
 Bristol R. 2 Cambridge 0
 Charlton 2 Blackburn 0

Palace 1 Stoke 1
 Fulham 1 Oldham 0
 Leicester 1 Orient 3
 Luton 1 Sheffield U. 1
 Preston 1 Brighton 0
 Westham 3 Sunderland 3
 Division three
 Blackpool 2 Colchester 1
 Brentford 1 Swansea 0
 Carlisle 1 Mansfield 0
 Chester 1 Bury 1
 Exeter 1 Peterboro' 0
 Oxford 1 Hull 1
 Rham 1 Plymouth 0
 Tranmere 1 Watford 1
 Division four
 Crewe 1 Halifax 0

Tanzanian just edges Coghlan in thrilling Ottawa 3,000 meters

OTTAWA, Feb. 11 (AP)—Tanzania's Suleiman Nyambui just held off Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan at the tape in a thrilling 3,000-meters race at the "Ottawa Citizen" indoor track and field meet here Saturday night.

Suleiman, with a time of 7:48.7, broke the meet record set last year by Britain's Nick Ross Coghlan was clocked in the same time.

Canadian Steve Scott grabbed the early lead in the mile and never looked back in defeating Jorgen Straub of East Germany and Wilson Waigwa of Kenya.

Nyambui fought Coghlan neck and neck the final 50 yards leaning across the wire to win by the slimmest of margins.

Meanwhile in Louisville, Kentucky Saturday Ireland has better luck Ray Flynn set a fast pace and beat two of America's top distance runners, Dick Buerkle and Marty Liquori, in the mile at the Mason Dixon Games. Flynn, who hopes to represent Ireland in the 1980 Olympics, ran the

fastest indoor mile of his career at 3:58.9.

In Richfield, Ohio, Lankh Benn Fields of the United States set a meet record of 7 feet 4.2 inches in the high jump and was named the outstanding athlete in the 39th annual Knights of Columbus track meet before 10,978 at the coliseum in nearby Richfield. Fields, is ranked sixth in the world.

L.A. wrangles buried at last

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (R)—The U.S. Olympic Committee and the Los Angeles Organising Committee of private businessmen Saturday resolved a wrangle over financial responsibility for holding the 1984 Olympic Games in the city.

The two committees overwhelmingly agreed on the

wording of a contract transferring all financial liabilities for the games from Los Angeles City authorities to the businessmen.

The contract now will be submitted to the International Olympic Committee, which is expected to approve it by the March 1 deadline set by its executive board.

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Norheim	217.00	217.00	
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Cancer claims life of heir to Marshal Tito

BELGRADE, Feb. 11 (R)—Edvard Kardelj, who died Saturday, served for more than four decades at the side of President Josip Broz Tito, rising to become his undisputed right-hand man and closest confidant.

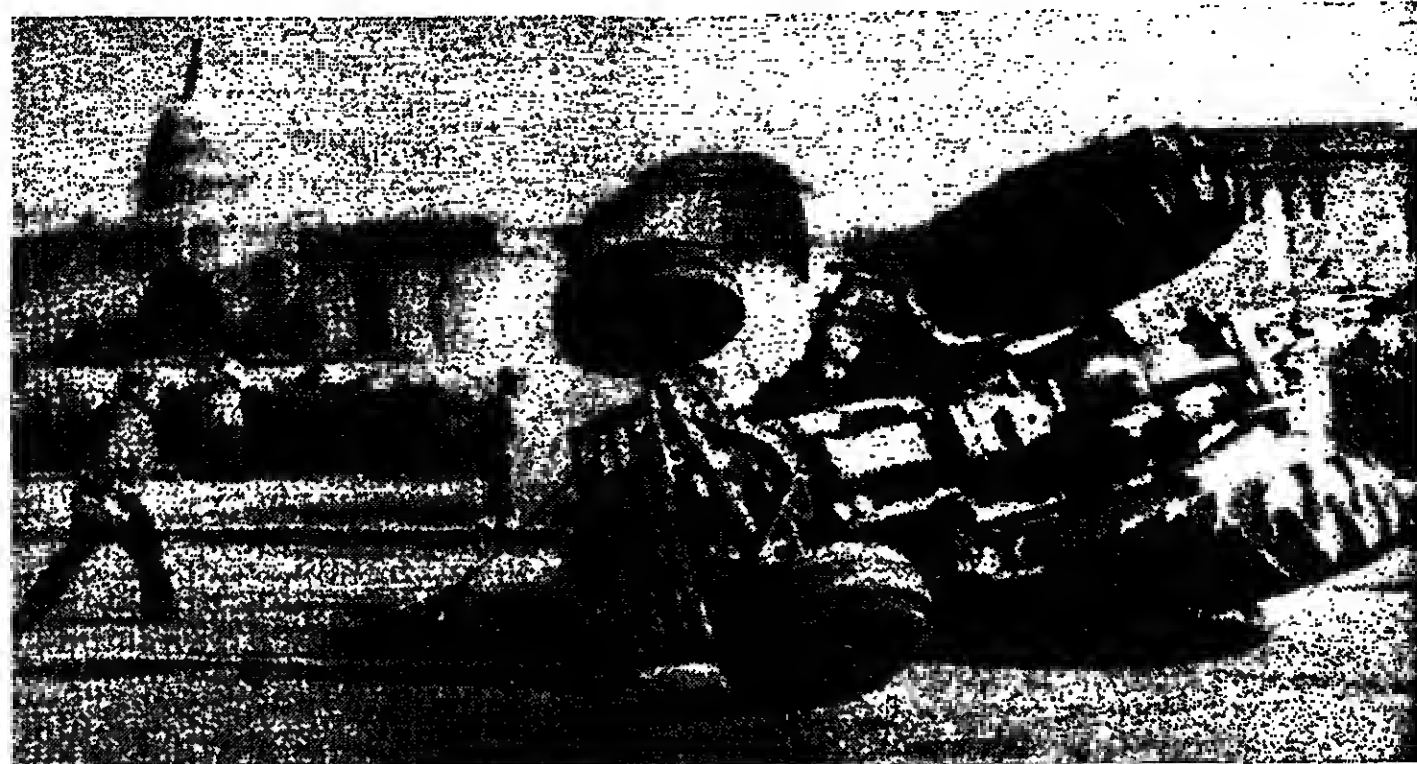
Carter delays troop cuts in South Korea

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—President Jimmy Carter said Saturday U.S. troop withdrawals from Korea have been temporarily stopped pending a review of developments in the region.

He was one of the masterminds behind the plan for the collective presidency, first set up in 1971. At that time it had 22 members, but the body was later considered unwieldy and was reduced to nine men under a new constitution in 1974.

Kardelj has been chiefly responsible for providing a coherent theoretical basis for Yugoslavia's unorthodox and complex system of decentralized workers' self-management.

It was widely believed in Belgrade that if the hardliners in the Kremlin hated anyone more than Tito it was Kardelj—the chief ideologist of what they still regard as the "Yugoslav heresy" in diluting Soviet-style communism.



TOPSY TURVY: A tractor rolls over on a Washington street Tuesday after trying a tight turn during the farmers' protest. Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland dismissed the farmers' contention that times are hard.—(AP photo)

U.S. State Department reports

Taiwan's human rights record improving

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—Taiwan is evolving toward a more open society, the U.S. State Department said Saturday, but the country is still under martial law and the authorities have the right to control the press, censor mail, make searches without warrants and prohibit meetings and strikes.

"Human rights violations continue to occur," according to the report to the Congress, "but their frequency has diminished as Taiwan has shown increasing sensitivity to human rights concerns in recent years."

No reports of torture were received in 1978. The State Department report covers 115 countries that get aid or arms from the United States, so there is no account of the situation in mainland China. But its 706 pages make much use of statements by Amnesty International, a private organization devoted to human rights which published a report on the human rights situation on the mainland.

Gorham Elston, Amnesty's director for the United States, said there were few confirmed instances of torture in China but large numbers of "prisoners of conscience" were under great psychological pressure.

There has been an increase in the number of executions in China in the past year or so, he added, for publishing leaflets, other "counter-revolutionary offenses" and persistent refusal to confess. Confessions usually mitigate the sentence, he said.

The State Department report said that martial law on Taiwan can impose the death sentence for sedition but there has been only one execution in recent years. Arbitrary arrests are now infrequent, it said. A prominent woman activist named Chen Chu was arrested last year, held for two weeks without access to family or lawyer, and then released.

Elston said that in China prisoners are often held in solitary confinement, interrogated and re-interrogated, told that their sentence will be lighter if they confess, but given no indication of how long it will take to settle their cases.

The editor hopes that the child will wait till a settlement of the strike and has decided that if it is a boy he will name it "Strike." If it is a girl her name will be "Stricken."

Good Morning Until further notice

By Jihad Al Khazem
A little patience, dear reader for the subject is strikes in the foggy isles of Britain.

The truck drivers' strike has been resolved after three weeks of disastrous losses. This was apparently not enough. School workers went on strike causing hundreds of thousands of people, not least the 300,000 children, to be unable to return to school.

Utility workers also went on strike and water was cut off from several parts of the country so those children who had to stay at home stayed dirty too.

Strikes by ambulance drivers were once thought impossible. So were strikes.

But the impossible happened. Hospitals closed down because of the cleaners' strike and the shortage of fuel. The television showed tragic scenes of patients being sent home.

Those who die for lack of care (which has happily not yet happened) will be lucky to find someone to bury them. Grave-diggers are on strike. Newspapers reported that 150 corpses in Liverpool "might be buried at sea." There is no room for them in the morgue. People are dying without taking into consideration solidarity with the grave-diggers.

And the television personality David Frost presented a program "How Britain Can Operate" which included strikers and their employers. The program was transmitted live and linked to Germany, France and the United States, with experts from those countries standing by to discuss "the British disease."

It was perhaps the best example of the state of labor relations in the country and on the endemic inability to reach any sort of agreement.

The two groups clashed during the program and Frost, despite his skill in live programs, had to move the camera embarrassed from one man to another.

Readers may recall Frost's program on "Black September." His strike program was similar. The interviewees fought each other while listening to the German and the American pontificating on ways to save Britain.

And meanwhile there is the plight of the editor on the staff of "Asharq Al Awsat" whose wife was expecting a baby. The parents were frantic as the hospital was closed.

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translated from "Asharq Al Awsat"

From page one Sultan

"No one should doubt our willingness and ability to be a good friend in peace or war," he said.

Later, at a dinner sponsored by Prince Sultan, Brown said he took note of Saudi concerns about Iraq, Soviet ambitions and potential activities by radicals in the region.

"I have brought American ideas for a broad strategy to meet these dangers," he said.

A senior defense official on the Brown aircraft said the defense secretary would attempt during his tour to increase the collaboration between Gulf states on security.

Asked whether he envisaged a greater U.S. presence in the area, the official said: "It's far too early to say."

Additional U.S. aid for the region was expected to include military assistance worth \$200 or \$300 million for North Yemen, to counter the Marxist government in South Yemen.

Part of Brown's mission in Saudi Arabia is to lay the groundwork for a visit to Washington by Crown Prince Fahd next month.

U.S. officials said that at the meeting with the Crown Prince Brown also stressed the importance the U.S. attached to an Egyptian-Israeli peace arrangement which the Saudis have opposed.

"They responded that they understood our views," a defense official said, indicating no change in the Saudi position.

A senior official said Brown

did not plan to question the Saudis on whether they would continue producing oil at a level of 9.5 million barrels a day.

There have been reports the country would cut back its production.

An embassy official told Reuters the Saudis had committed themselves to a production rate of 8.5 million barrels a day but were actually producing 9.5 million barrels and gave every indication that they would continue to do so.

Bakhtiar

blew horns, and streets filled with huge crowds jammed the narrow, winding streets around Rafah School, Khomeini's Tehran headquarters. AP reporter Thomas Kent saw two soldiers, one of them blindfolded, being jostled by the crowd.

Members of the crowd said the pair were imperial guard officers being taken to captivity.

Crowds of cheering people began looting police barracks, carrying out electric prods, rifles, trucks, knapsacks and plastic shields. At one point there was shooting as looters ran with weapons and other items.

Much of the booty found its way to Khomeini's headquarters. Reporters saw hordes of people passing weapons and ammunition as well as non-combatant items to those inside the school.

Ford weds Vance in California

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. Feb. 11 (AP)—Susan Ford, daughter of former U.S. President Gerald Ford, exchanged marriage vows Saturday with Charles Vance, a secret service agent she fell in love with when he guarded the Ford family. In a "traditional family wedding," Miss Ford, 21, was wed to Vance, 37, as about 300 invited guests looked on in St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in nearby Palm Desert.

Greek head stolen from N.Y. museum

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP)—A Greek marble head of an unknown deity dating back to the 5th century B.C. and valued at about \$150,000 was stolen from its pedestal in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a museum official said Saturday. Richard Dougherty, of the museum's public affairs office, said "Somebody must have been pretty strong," noting that the 20-pound figure was "wrenched" off its five-foot-high wooden pedestal located in a main floor gallery of the museum.

John Wayne quietly leaves clinic

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11 (AP)—John Wayne slipped quietly out of UCLA Medical Center Saturday, more than one month after an operation which resulted in the removal of his cancerous stomach. A nurses' station attendant said Wayne's release was signed about 10:15 a.m. Hospital spokesman Al Hicks, contacted at home, said he was not informed about Wayne's release.

Japanese celebrate national day

TOKYO, Feb. 11 (AP)—Rallies were held in Tokyo and across Japan Sunday, National Foundation Day, to protest and support the Japanese system of designating dates from the ascension of the emperor. At least four rallies were held in Tokyo—some 500 radical students protested the calendar system, as well as celebration of the holiday marking the founding of Japan.

Guyana sues 2 cult members

GEORGETOWN, Guyana Feb. 11 (AP)—The Guyanese government and Guyana Airways Corporation have filed a suit in the supreme court here against two Peoples Temple cult members and three local banks that control their financial assets.

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